

The logo for UC San Diego Department of Psychology. It features the text "UC San Diego" in a large, dark blue serif font, with a thin gold horizontal line underneath. Below that, "DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY" is written in a smaller, dark blue sans-serif font. The logo is set against a white rectangular background. To the left of the logo is a gold square containing a faint image of a modern building with a glass facade. The entire page has a blue background with various gold and blue geometric shapes and lines.

Dear Student,

We're so thrilled that you will be joining us in the Fall! You should have already received information from your college regarding the [New Student Site](#), setting up your e-mail, asking questions of your advisors online, and college orientation.

As a Psychology major, we hope you'll take advantage of the resources we've compiled, starting by thoroughly reviewing our website. We recommend starting with the [Major Requirements](#) and [New Students](#) areas, and moving on to [Teaching and Learning Opportunities](#), [Policies and Procedures](#), [Academic and Writing Resources](#), and [Additional Resources](#). We also highly recommend that any students interested in [Research](#) (including Clinical Psychology research) consider applying for the [Honors Program](#) this Fall.

There are no restrictions on the number of students who can earn degrees within the Psychology Department, and you may switch between our majors at any time beginning on the first day of classes in the Fall. We hope that you will find the major that best meets your needs and would be happy to discuss your options with you.

The Psychology advising team is here to support you during your transition to UC San Diego. We plan to contact you first via the New Student Site within the next few weeks with an introduction and some basic advising guidelines. Later in the summer, we'll contact you again with personalized enrollment suggestions and other information relevant to you, specifically. We hope you'll also join us in August or September for an orientation session; if you attend one of our Transfer Orientations, you can also sit down for a one-on-one appointment with an advisor.

This packet includes some handy resources to help you be successful as a new Transfer Student. After reviewing, please feel free to get in touch with any remaining questions. We also encourage you to follow our department's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#) for announcements, events, exciting news, and resources. We look forward to speaking with you this summer, meeting you at Orientation, and helping you in the Fall!

Sincerely,  
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## YOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS AS A PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT

We want you to be successful as a UC San Diego Psychology student. Our goal is for you to find a supportive community here. We encourage students to take ownership over their academic careers and want to give you the tools to do so. We suggest that you:

- Be your own advocate and take responsibility for your education.
- Get to know the [Psychology website](#) and become familiar with [TritonLink](#).
- Review your completed major requirements.
- Be proactive and ask informed questions.
- Get into the habit of checking your @UCSD e-mail and [New Student Site](#).
- Go to Orientations for your college and your major.
- Enroll in appropriate classes during your enrollment time.
- Plan to stay proactive during Fall quarter (go to Advising Hours and Office Hours, and make use of campus resources).
- Show up prepared and ready to learn.
- Locate opportunities, take risks, and find your community on campus.

### TRANSFER STUDENT SUMMER TIMELINE

- Late June
  - Set up your New Student Site and review your major page
  - Watch for the department welcome message in the New Student Site
  - Register for Psychology Orientation
- July 1
  - Deadline to submit your on-time transcripts to Admissions
- by Aug 17
  - Psychology Dept sends out personalized course recommendations via the New Student Site
- mid-August:
  - Psychology Transfer Orientations begin (several sessions throughout August and September)
- August 27-30
  - Fall quarter enrollment
- Sept 25 & 28
  - Psychology Department Orientations
- September 27
  - Fall quarter classes begin

Once you've sent your final transcripts to the university, your transfer history will post on [TritonLink](#) within a few weeks. After this happens, you should review it for accuracy; we'll be happy to answer any specific questions regarding enrollment, classes, and your remaining Lower Division requirements at that time.

## ORIENTATION AND ONE-ON-ONE ADVISING

All incoming transfer students are encouraged to take advantage of our proactive advising and Orientations.

### NEW STUDENT SITE

You will receive personalized enrollment recommendations in July or August through the portal on the [New Student Site](#). Throughout the summer you can send us questions there 24 hours a day (we'll get you answers within 2-3 business days). If you do not receive your recommendations by August 17th, please contact us via the portal.

### PSYCHOLOGY TRANSFER ORIENTATION AND ONE-ON-ONE ADVISING

We recommend that you register for one of the [Psychology Orientation](#) sessions specifically marked for Transfer Students; these include both an introduction to the department and our majors, and a 15-20 minute one-on-one session with an advisor to plan your Fall quarter classes and create an academic plan. Sessions are held in August and September on campus; we are not able to accommodate telephone or Skype appointments at this time. For additional information, please see the Psychology Department [website](#).

### PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION

Students unable to attend a Transfer Orientation session may choose to register for one of our more general Department Orientations, offered during Welcome Week. Department Orientations do not include one-on-one advising. Any of our Orientation sessions will cover the information you need to know about your chosen major within the Psychology Department, including major requirements, course equivalency, the schedule of classes, prerequisites, waitlists, and more.

### REGISTER FOR PSYCHOLOGY ORIENTATION

Orientations are available on the following dates. Additional Psychology Transfer Orientation dates may be added if the below dates become full.

Thursday, August 16th (9-10:00 am), McGill 1350  
Friday, August 17th (9-10:00 am), McGill 1350  
Tuesday, August 21st (9-10:00 am), McGill 1350  
Friday, August 24th (9-10:00 am), McGill 1350  
Monday, August 27th (9-10:00 am), McGill 1350  
Wednesday, August 29th (9-10:00 am), McGill 1350  
Friday, September 21st (9-10:00 am), McGill 1350 (reserved for out-of-town students)

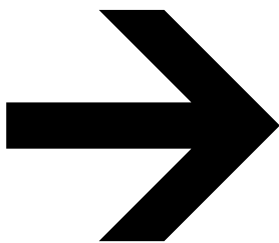
Please note that the Psychology Orientation Sessions are completely separate from any orientation your college may offer, so plan to attend both.

[Register for Orientation](#) on the Psychology Department website.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- \* What Psychology majors are available to me, and what are the requirements?
- \* How do I choose the best major for me?
- \* What classes should I take during my first quarter?
- \* I want to take an elective class (110-193). Why can't I?
- \* All the courses I want/need to take are full! What do I do?
- \* Will I need to take Lower Division classes if I've completed TAG/IGETC?
- \* I took a class at my Community College that I believe should fulfill my Lower Division major requirements. How can I get it to count?
- \* One or more classes I took at my Community College or my previous University is not showing up on my Academic History at all. What do I do?
- \* Which Math class should I take?
- \* Degree Audit? Academic History? TritonLink? What are these and how do I read them?
- \* I noticed that the name of one of my required or elective courses is the same as something I took at my Community College. Do I still need to take it, or does the class I already took count?
- \* How can I set up an appointment to talk about my major or plan my courses?
- \* Do I need to come during advising hours?
- \* But what if I just have a form to drop off?
- \* Can I take any classes Pass/No Pass?
- \* Can I apply to the Honors Program if I'm a new transfer student?
- \* I transferred from another four-year institution. Why does my Degree Audit still say that I need to take all of my Psychology major courses? I know I completed some!

To find answers to these frequently asked questions and more, please visit the [Transfer FAQs page](#) on the Psychology Department website.



### JOIN US AT A PSYCHOLOGY ORIENTATION!

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#### DEPARTMENT ORIENTATIONS:

Tuesday, September 25 (9:00 am)

Friday, September 28 (9:00 am)

## SUMMER COURSE OFFERINGS

Taking summer classes demonstrates your academic motivation to future employers and graduate schools and provides you with more flexibility during the academic year to pursue other research and internship opportunities. The following courses are highly recommended for new transfer students who wish to begin their studies this summer.

### SUMMER SESSION 1

**PSYC 70 - Research Methods - M/Tu/W/Th 9:30-10:50am & T/Th 8:30-9:20 am** (*Formal Skills*)

This course provides an overview of how to choose appropriate research methods for experimental and non-experimental studies. Topics may include classic experimental design and counterbalancing, statistical power, and causal inference in experimental and non-experimental settings. Additional discussion required. Prerequisite: PSYC 60 (Statistics)

**PSYC 101 - Developmental Psychology - M/Tu/W/Th 11:00am-12:20pm** (*Psychology Core*)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the field of developmental psychology, including topics in cognitive, language, and social development.

**PSYC 106 - Behavioral Neuroscience - M/W 5:00-7:50pm** (*Psychology Core*)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of human and animal behavior from a neuroscience perspective. Topics include the functions and mechanisms of perception, motivation (sex, sleep, hunger, emotions), learning and memory, and motor control and movement.

**PSYC 180 - Adolescence - Tu/Th 6:00-8:50pm** (*Psychology Elective/Specialization*)

This course provides an overview of the period of human adolescence, including the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional changes that take place during this developmental transition.

### SUMMER SESSION 2

**PSYC 70 - Research Methods - M/Tu/W/Th 2:00-3:20pm & M/W or T/Th 3:30-4:20 pm** (*Formal Skills*)

This course provides an overview of how to choose appropriate research methods for experimental and non-experimental studies. Topics may include classic experimental design and counterbalancing, statistical power, and causal inference in experimental and non-experimental settings. Additional discussion required. Prerequisite: PSYC 60 (Statistics)

**PSYC 102 - Sensory Neuroscience - M/T/W/Th 3:30-4:50pm** (*Psychology Core*)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the neural mechanisms that support vision, audition, touch, olfaction, and taste.

**PSYC 105 - Cognitive Psychology - M/Tu/W/Th 9:30-10:50am** (*Psychology Core*)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of cognitive psychology, the scientific study of mental processes: How people acquire, store, transform, use, and communicate information. Topics may include perception, attention, language, memory, reasoning, problem solving, decision making, and creativity.

**PSYC 166 - History of Psychology - Tu/Th 6:00-8:50pm** (*Psychology Elective*)

This course provides a survey of the major trends and figures in the development of psychology as a field. Topics may include the mind-body problem, nativism vs. empiricism, and the genesis of behaviorism.

Enroll in summer classes on [TritonLink](#). For authorization, contact the Psychology Department via the [EASy Pre-Authorization Tool](#). For more information, visit the Summer Session website: [summer.ucsd.edu](http://summer.ucsd.edu)